

Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Amendment 11; Correction" (RIN0648-AX05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5510. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XB031) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5511. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Services Surveys: BE-150, Quarterly Survey of Cross-Border Credit, Debit, and Charge Card Transactions" (RIN0691-AA79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5512. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS) Rates for Non-U.S. Government Customers" (RIN2700-AD72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5513. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims for Patent and Copyright Infringement" (RIN2700-AD63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5514. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Export and Reexport License Requirements to Temporarily Control Items that Provide at Least a Significant Military or Intelligence Advantage to the United States or for Foreign Policy Reasons"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5515. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 80. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 344. A resolution supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua.

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 356. A resolution expressing support for the people of Tibet.

S. Res. 391. A resolution condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria.

S. Res. 395. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois from May 20 through 21, 2012.

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 397. A resolution promoting peace and stability in Sudan, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HUTCHISON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. COATS):

S. 2242. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2243. A bill to establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2244. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist in the identification of unclaimed and abandoned human remains to determine if any such remains are eligible for burial in a national cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KYL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2245. A bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of

the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2246. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to provide off-base transition training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2247. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. LEE):

S. 2248. A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2249. A bill to provide for the reform of the Senior Executive Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. LANDRIEU, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 408. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. Res. 409. A resolution designating April 2012 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 410. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. LEE):

S. 2248. A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I rise to introduce S. 2248, a bill that would clarify the States' sole authority to regulate the process of hydraulic fracturing at the State level as opposed to the Federal level.